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## September Hogs and Pigs

Michigan's total hog and pig inventory on September 1 was estimated at 1.13 million head, up 20,000 head from a year ago, according to the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Region. Breeding hog inventory, at 105,000 head, was down 5,000 from last September. Market hog inventory, at 1,025,000 head, was up 2.5 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the June to August quarter at 10.50 was down 0.5 pigs from last year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2016 was 70.9 million head. This was up 2 percent from September 1, 2015, and up 4 percent from June 1, 2016. Breeding inventory, at 6.02 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 64.8 million head, was up 3 percent from last year, and up 4 percent from last quarter.

The June-August 2016 pig crop, at 32.0 million head, was up 2 percent from 2015. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.02 million head, up slightly from 2015. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 51 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.58 for the June-August period, compared to 10.39 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 8.20 for operations with 1-9 hogs and pigs to 10.60 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.93 million sows farrow during the September-November 2016 quarter, down slightly from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2015, and down 2 percent from 2014. Intended farrowings for December-February 2017, at 2.93 million sows, are down slightly from 2016, but up 1 percent from 2015.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 47 percent of the total United States hog inventory, unchanged from last year.

### Hog inventory and farrowings: Michigan and United States, September 1, 2016

Hogs and pigs	Michigan			U.S.		
	2015	2016	Change	2015	2016	Change
	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
Breeding	110	105	-5	5,986	6,016	1
Market	1,000	1,025	3	63,200	64,835	3
Under 50 pounds	305	295	-3	20,741	21,090	2
50-119 pounds	250	260	4	18,496	18,851	2
120-179 pounds	215	235	9	12,855	13,325	4
180+ pounds	230	235	2	11,108	11,568	4
Total	1,110	1,130	2	69,185	70,851	2
Sows farrowed, Jun-Aug	52	50	-4	3,017	3,024	0
Pigs/litter, Jun-Aug	11.00	10.50	-5	10.39	10.58	2
Pig crop, Jun-Aug	572	525	-8	31,343	31,983	2
Sows farrowing, Sep-Nov <sup>1</sup>	51	52	2	2,929	2,928	0
Sows farrowing, Dec-Feb <sup>1 2</sup>	51	50	0	2,927	2,925	0

<sup>1</sup> Intentions.

<sup>2</sup> February succeeding year